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**2010 Joint World Conference on Social Work and Social Development: The Agenda**  
Pre- and Post- Conference Skills Training Workshop

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK**

Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Date: 16 June 2010 (Wednesday)

Fee: US\$50 / HK\$400

Venue: The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hunghom, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Trainer: Prof. Lynne M. Healy

**ABSTRACT:**

This workshop will present a state-of-the-art update on the development of international social work and provide suggestions for expanding social work's role in global issues. Philosophical and definitional issues will be presented, bringing in diverse viewpoints from various parts of the world. In keeping with the theme of the 2010 conference, participants will engage in agenda building for expanding the influence of the profession in the global policy and practice arenas. Examples of successful projects will be presented. The presenter will share her expertise in developing educational programmes and curriculum on international social work. Workshop content will include suggested learning objectives, assignments and course content to enhance preparation of social workers for international roles as both generalists and specialists. Participants will receive a bibliography and list of other resources. The session should be of particular interest to social work educators. Practitioners with an interest in international social work are also welcome.

**WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES:**

Participants will:

- Expand their knowledge of the emerging theoretical and philosophical foundations of international social work
- Identify one or more curriculum suggestions from those presented to enhance their own social work programme
- Engage in agenda building to identify strategies for an expanded international role for the profession

**THE PRESENTER:**

Lynne Healy is Professor and Director of the Center for International Social Work Studies at the University of Connecticut School of Social Work. Dr. Healy is an internationally known scholar on the topic of international social work. Among her publications is a widely used textbook, *International Social Work: Professional Action in an Interdependent World* (Oxford University Press). She has published numerous articles and book chapters on international social work, social work education, ethics, and social service management. Dr. Healy has served as Chair of the Council on Social Work Education (U.S.) International Commission, as a member of the National Association of Social Workers (U.S.) National Committee on International Affairs, and has recently completed a term as Secretary of the International Association of Schools of Social Work. She currently chairs the Human Rights Committee for the IASSW and represents IASSW on the NGO Committee for Social Development at the United Nations. Dr. Healy is an MSW graduate of the University of Connecticut and received her Ph.D. from Rutgers University. She teaches courses in Administration, Social Policy, and International Social Work, and International Development.

**TARGET PARTICIPANTS:**

Social work educators and practitioners with an interest in international aspects of social work.